

SENATE RESOLUTION 3

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Evan Ellison for his participation in the Youth Leadership Summit.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as leaders in the classroom and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Evan Ellison of Dandridge is one such exceptional student who was selected to participate in the Youth Leadership Summit sponsored by Appalachian Electric Cooperative and the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Leadership Summit is an annual, three-day event held in Nashville that seeks to further develop leadership skills in the junior students who are selected to participate; this is accomplished through team-building and leadership exercises as well as experiential learning on Capitol Hill; and

WHEREAS, in addition to touring the State Capitol, Youth Leadership Summit students participate in a mock voting session featuring issues that they themselves bring to the floor, and they have the opportunity to meet representatives and senators as well as sit in on a committee meeting; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellison's selection for the Youth Leadership Summit is a testament to his innate abilities as a leader among his peers; these abilities are further evidenced by his recognition as a delegate to the 2020 Tennessee Boys State, a member of the Jefferson County Youth Leadership Class of 2020, and a mayoral intern with Jefferson County Mayor Mark Potts; and

WHEREAS, now in his senior year at Jefferson County High School (JCHS), Evan Ellison maintains a 4.4 weighted grade point average while taking honors and Advanced

Placement courses; he is an active member in the Beta Club and has been a member of the JCHS drama department, tennis team, and cross country team during his high school career; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, he attended the United States Naval Academy Summer Seminar and was a scholar with the Tennessee Governor's School for Emerging Technologies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellison is a member of the Shady Grove United Methodist Church Mission Team and has volunteered with Appalachian Outreach, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and Access Life Expo; he also previously assisted with the Month of Kindness Project and Exceptional Prom; and

WHEREAS, Evan Ellison's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellison's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Evan Ellison's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of our respect, admiration, and commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize and commend Evan Ellison for his participation in the Youth Leadership Summit sponsored by Appalachian Electric Cooperative and the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association and extend our best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.